OPEN DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL IN ALBERTA

Driver training in Alberta schools is being urged and it appears that the movement has created a great deal of interest, according to officials of the Alberta Motor Association.

The matter has been discussed by a subcommittee of the provincial curriculum committee and has been recommended for consideration by the senior body at its May meeting.

It has been proposed that a start be made on an experimental basis in some city schools next term providing that trained teachers are available.

In this connection, the American Automobile Association has announced that it will establish a teacher training school in Vancouver during August, if there are sufficient applicants to justify a class being organized.

Driver training schools under private auspices already have been opened in some parts of Alberta. Officials of the A.M.A. have stated that any endorsation of such schools would have to depend on the production of satisfactory information that the instructors were qualified.

In the U.S. it has been found that where driver training has been developed in the schools, there has been a noticeable reduction in motor vehicle accidents.

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Brucellosis

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Bang's disease of cattle, also called Brucellosis, is an infectious disease caused by a bacteria known as Brucella abortus. This bacteria was first discovered by Dr. Olaf Bang, a Danish Veterinarian, about the year 1895. Brucellosis is widely prevalent in practically all dairy countries of the world. It is one of the most important diseases of live stock, striking at the very source of the cattle industry in causing abortion. Brucellosis is important, too, because the infection is transmissible from animals to humans, in whom it causes Undulant Fever.

DISEASED ANIMALS INFECT HERDS

The most common manner in which bangs disease is transmitted to a clean herd is through the introduction of infected animals. The disease may also be contracted by placing healthy cattle on a common pasture with infected cattle.

Infection is believed to take place mainly by the disease producing bacteria gaining entrance to the digestive tract through cattle eating, drinking or licking contaminated material. The infection then localizes in the uterus and udder. At the time of abortion the afterbirth, the fluid in the membranes, the foetus and the discharges which may persist for several weeks after the animal has aborted are teeming with Brucella bacteria. The infected material may be spread about the pasture, yards or stables. Usually a cow will only abort once, but occasionally twice. She usually remains infected for life. This is a costly disease, the calf is lost, and there is a decrease in milk flow for that lactation period. Although the act of abortion is the principle manifestation of Bangs disease it does not in itself constitute a positive diagnosis, as abortions may result from many other sources. Have your local veterinarian take a blood sample to be tested to prove whether the cow is infected or not.

CONTROL

To prevent introducing the disease buy replacements only from clean herds. All additions should be negative to the blood test. They should be isolated for 60 days and, if possible, another blood test taken before being allowed to mix with the new herd.

To control and eradicate the disease in a herd containing only a few reactors, all cattle may be blood tested and the reactors sold for slaughter. This would have to be followed by a blood test every three months until all reactors are eliminated from the herd. Infected cattle should be sold for slaughter and not to the neighbors.

Many livestock men prefer to follow a yearly program of calfhood vaccination. This policy is favored as they consider it less expensive than slaughtering a high percentage of the herd. Calves are vaccinated between the ages of four and eight months to develop resistance against Brucellosis. If this is done for five or six years a herd can be built up in which the vaccinated heifers on maturity replace the reactors. A large number of Alberta ranchers have followed this program for several years. As a result in some cases where they had thirty to forty abortions in the herd yearly, this has been cut down to one or two. The aim in the use of the vaccine in a Brucellosis infected herd should be directed toward eradication of the disease, as well as the assurance of a calf crop.

Calfhood vaccination Program: For the purpose of assisting in the reduction of cattlel osses from Brucellosis (Bangs disease) the Alberta Department of Agriculture is prepared to assist owners, who make application for calfhood vaccination, in the following manner.

By providing Brucella Abortus Vaccine (Strain 19) and tattoos.

By maintaining a record of officially vaccinated calves.

By provding laboratory examination of blood samples and the testing of vaccine for potency when necessary. The Veterinarians, wishing to assist in ths program have agreed to a very moderate scale of fees for vaccination. Discuss your Brucellosis problems with your veterinarian, as he is well qualified to give advice regarding diagnosis and control.

Cattle owners wishing to take advantage of this plan may obtain application forms from their local veterinarian, the Director of Veterinary Service, Parlament Buildings, Edmonton, or from the office of their local District Agriculturalist.

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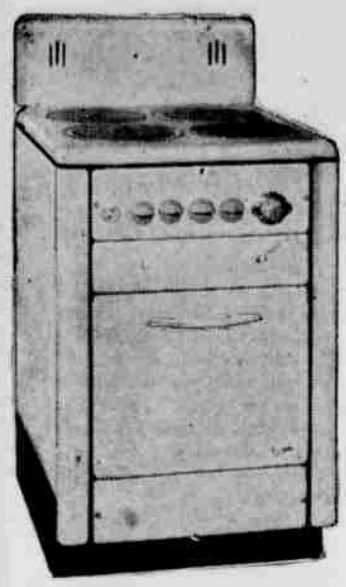

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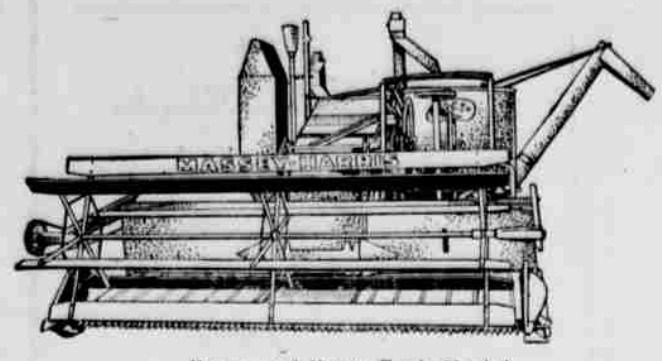

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The Canadian Senate voted 35 to 21 against the motion to permit the manufacture and importation of oleomargarine in Canada. A similar bill is before the House of Commons and it is expected that it will meet the same fate.

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